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## Why I've quit the American Bar Association: An Open Letter to the Law School Community

The American Bar Association is the nation's largest lawyer organization, with approximately one-third of the nearly one million lawyers in America as its members. For the past 11 years -- ever since I began my law-teaching career -- I have been a member of the ABA.

Following the ABA's 1999 annual meeting in Atlanta, however, I've decided to cease being a member. At one time the American Bar Association was an organization truly dedicated to "preserving liberty, pursuing justice," as its current motto states, and to maintaining "the honor of the profession of law," as its constitution states. The ABA's policy handbook specifies its mission "to increase ... respect for the law and to achieve the highest standard ... of ethical conduct." Today, however, the ABA has betrayed its professed principles.

In recent years, the ABA increasingly has become an advocacy organization for a variety of left-wing political causes including: support for race and gender-based affirmative action programs, opposition to tort reform, support for federal gun control measures and continued federal funding of abortions, universal health insurance, and funding for the Legal Services Corporation and the National Endowment for the Arts. Despite protests from many members that its support for these causes has nothing to do with the advancement of the legal profession, the ABA has continued to take official policy stances on such controversial matters.

Moreover, the ABA also has become quite partisan, virtually an organ of the Democratic Party. This political bias permeates the ABA and its activities; it is evident in its leadership staff, its programs and speakers, and its choice of award recipients. This year's annual meeting, for example, featured a speech by Webster Hubbell and a keynote address by Bill Clinton -- whose invitation was announced the same week that a federal judge imposed sanctions on Mr. Clinton for having given "false, misleading, and evasive answers that were designed to obstruct the judicial process," and engaging in

"misconduct that undermines the integrity of the judicial system." The ABA's disparate treatments of Clinton today and Richard Nixon in 1973-74, documented by Gerald Walpin in a recent *Wall Street Journal* essay ("Lie to a Court, Get Invited to Address the ABA," Aug. 9, 1999), is itself quite telling about the organization's partisanship.

The ABA's decision to invite Mr. Clinton to speak at this year's annual meeting is, for me, the final straw. As Walpin notes, the ABA has sent a message to lawyers that "it is OK to lie and obstruct justice, so long as you maintain political allies in high places."

Even the *Washington Post* -- hardly a conservative or libertarian paper -- in its August 11 editorial condemned the ABA for "inviting a perjurer to speak to a professional association of attorneys," noting that this was "a move that could not be better calculated to entrench the larger public's contempt for lawyers as people who twist the truth for selfish ends."

The ABA no longer represents me. Nor does it represent hundreds of thousands of other American lawyers who truly value liberty, justice, and the rule of law.

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## The ABA Then and Now

*"If the Constitution is to be construed to mean what the majority at any given period in history wish the Constitution to mean, why a written Constitution?"* -- Frank J. Hogan, President, American Bar Association (1939)

## Where McCain Stands On Gun Control

On the Larry King Live show GOP presidential hopeful Sen. John McCain said, without being asked about the issue, *"We need to pass the legislation on gun control. It [gun control] was passed through the Senate. We need to do things that the American people want us to do rather than being grid locked by the special interests and we're grid locked on both sides."*

No, Mr. McCain, it has nothing to do with what "special interests" want, or for that

matter, what the "majority" of the American people want. This is not a democracy. Mr. McCain: we live in a republic, not a "mobocracy."

Just another talking-head politician, who, after entering public office, has abandoned his oath to uphold the Constitution and Bill of Rights in favor of the latest poll. In other words, the Constitution is whatever the latest poll says it is. Scary. *Real* scary.

If you'd like to contact Sen. McCain's office and express your opinion dial 877-722-7494.

## IT'S OFFICIAL: WILLIE IS SLICK

When Illinois businessman Jack Wagner tried to register the name "Slick Willie" for his products poking fun at the President, he was informed by the Commerce Department that that Pres. Bill Clinton and Slick Willie are one and the same. *"The evidence clearly shows that the name Slick Willie is a nickname which refers to President Bill Clinton,"* said Karen Bush, a lawyer in the Commerce Department's Patent and Trademark Office. *"Furthermore,"* the trademark examiner wrote, *"the evidence shows that the nickname is not a complimentary name, and is used in a disparaging manner, indicating that the president has a lack of character."*

Wagner, who sells t-shirts, hats, etc., said he'd still continue to sell his wares using the term Slick Willie. *"We use the name Slick Willie, so we thought we should register it. But we were denied, so we don't have a registered trademark"*

*"As far as I'm concerned, the federal government has now said that Bill Clinton and Slick Willie are the same people. His own administration said that's his nickname."*

## ONE GOOD SHERIFF (3,053 To Go)

I have always said what I think and try not to offend too many people in the process. However, this week I am going to get right down to it. If you are easily offended, don't read on. This article will not please you at all. I am writing about what will happen in the future if the government tries to take away our rights and impose laws on "we the people"



which are not constitutional. I know many out there fear this very thing as I do. Freedom is a constant battle in this old world of ours. I, like many of you, fought for freedom and our way of life and have many times put it all on the line for that freedom. I, like many of you, will be willing and able to do it again.

Now we can get to the point I am trying to make. Those that would take away our rights are using the violence in our schools and other places as a vehicle to promote their agendas. We have already lost our property rights to the Endangered Species Act and other federal laws.

Many of you are out of work and Coos County [Oregon] is depressed because of this. Our way of life and the quality of that life has suffered in Coos County. The violence, they tell us, is beyond control as long as you and I have the right to own firearms. We must give up our most important right, which, by the way, gives us the ability to protect our other rights and to stop crime and violence in our streets.

This is what they try to push down our throats every day. My questions to those who would take that right are: What is an acceptable body count for taking that right? How many Americans are you willing to have killed on both sides of the issue to take that right? What's the value of that right to you? I will tell you this right now; if they try to take firearms from most of the gun owners I know, including me, it will be another civil war here in America. The last one had a high body count and this one will be even higher. There will be law enforcement officers, military personnel and civilians lost in this war. This is one fight I am not looking forward to and I know it will destroy America.

The rules of engagement are lost on the civilians - we don't have jet aircraft and smart bombs so we'll have to fight with whatever we can until they kill us. We will fight and we will do the best we can. However, I know the outcome and I'm ready for that also. I'm at peace with my God. The bottom line is we don't need to even have this fight. If the traitors in government and others would stop their treason, or get arrested and punished for it, this would not happen. You and I have let this happen by allowing our media and our government to push this on Americans. We can no longer allow that to happen if we want to avoid a war. That is the bottom line.

When Sarah Brady at Handgun Control Inc., can draw down a salary of \$277,891 a year for her treasonous acts against the second amendment, without standing trial and getting that kind of wage, we will continue to be run

over. HCI has an annual budget of \$7,624,306. They spend this and more each year to take your rights. The president of the National Rifle Association doesn't get a salary. Does this tell you anything?

You can make life tough for HCI. Write and ask for a copy of Form 990, which they are required by law to provide. The address is:

Handgun Control Inc.  
1223 Eye Street, N.W., Room 1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005

They have to pay staff to copy and send you all 13 pages of that report. You need to include an addressed, stamped envelope. We could make them so busy they won't have time to fight.

Keep your ear to the ground, your eyes open, and your powder dry. It is coming and it won't be fun.

Michael E. Cook,  
Coos County Sheriff, Retired

**Ed.:** there are 3,054 counties in the United States, each one with an elected sheriff (the only elected peace officer in the country). May Sheriff Cook's courage inspire each one of them to protect and serve the people.

### **"FORMAL NOTICE OF TITLE"**

#### **5 U.S.C. 552, Privacy Act of 1974**

This "Privacy Notice" has been served on

You are hereby being formally put on notice and advised of the following facts of law as pertains to the Social Security Number and the Privacy Act of 1974, Title 5 USC 552.

A judgment of \$1,000.00 plus costs and attorney fees will be assessed against the individual, business, and/or government agency that denies an individual a right, service, benefit or privilege for not providing a Social Security Number or other PIN (personal identification number) when the individual is not required to do so by Law.

A Social Security Number or other personal identification number (PIN such as drivers license) is required to be used only for the following benefits:

- 1) To receive public assistance benefits.
- 2) To pay social security taxes.
- 3) To receive social security payments and refunds.

An individual may refuse to provide their Social Security Number or PIN for any other reason than those listed above, without any reprisals. No one may seek out the Social Security Number or other PIN without the written permission of the individual, without being subject to the same penalties as for

forcing the individual to give the number.

From the PRIVACY ACT: ACTUAL DAMAGES SUSTAINED BY THE INDIVIDUAL AS A RESULT OF THE REFUSAL OR FAILURE TO PROVIDE A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:

THE INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RECOVER NOT LESS THAN \$1,000.00. THE COST OF THE ACTION, TOGETHER WITH REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES AS DETERMINED BY THE COURT.

Guidelines and regulations for the maintenance of privacy and protection of records on individuals:

Awards may be recovered from the government agency, business, or individual who denies the right, benefit, service or privilege. Federal court decisions forth below:

"The right of privacy is a personal right designed to protect persons from unwanted disclosure of personal information." -- *CNA Financial Corporation v Local 743*, D.C. II. 1981 F Supp. 942 III

The Act "was enacted for (the) purpose of curtailing the expanding use of the Social Security Numbers ... and to eliminate the threat to individual privacy and confidentiality of information passed by common number identifiers." -- *Duly v Wilson*, D.C. Del. 1982, 529 F Supp., 1343

"(a)(1) It shall be unlawful... to deny to any individual any right, service, benefit, or privilege provided by, law because of such individual's refusal to disclose his Social Security Number."

Therefore, I do hereby declare my specific right not to disclose a Social Security Number or PIN to this individual, organization, business, or agency or to have my Social Security Number placed on any records for reasons other than those stated above. I may commence litigation under the Privacy Act if services are denied as a result of my nondisclosure of said number or if I am injured because of a Social Security Number being placed on your records of me.

By my presentation of this notice to you, you have been duly warned and put on notice.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_ A.D.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

### **WHAT LIBERALS SAY ABOUT BILL CLINTON**

\* *"The worst thing about him is that he never makes a decision."* -- George Stephanopoulos, quoted in *The Agenda*, by Bob Woodward

**Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But I repeat myself. --**

**Mark Twain**



\* *"If they (his approval ratings) get to 60 percent, his people tell me Bill can start dating again."* -- Sen. Fritz Hollings (D-SC)

\* *"Clinton stands for nothing!"* -- Unnamed House Democrat, after Clinton admitted that he raised taxes "too much," quoted in *The Wall Street Journal*.

\* *"Clinton means what he says when he says it, but tomorrow he will mean what he says when he says the opposite."* -- Michael Kelly, in *The New York Times Magazine*

\* *"There's nothing he won't do. He's immune to shame. Move past all the nice posturing and get really down there in him, you find absolutely nothing... nothing but an appetite."* -- Jesse Jackson, quoted in *The New Republic*

Note: Never thought we'd find ourselves agreeing with Jackson.

### SOME MERIT IN THIS

In my opinion unity amongst militias is suicide. The bigger and more open the group the bigger the chance of infiltrators. We all should follow the example of the French Resistance. Operate with small cells of 3 to 5 troops. And these cells would have no leader. This is known as "leaderless resistance". Any war we will fight against the forces of the New World Order should be guerrilla in nature. Hit and run attacks. Long range sniping. We should not get involved in any firefights. They will simply call in arty or air strikes and BOOM...hundreds of dead patriots...with no damage done to the forces of evil. These small cells should operate on their own, separate from any other groups.

I guarantee our enemy fears the small cells more than the big, open, very public organizations. Resist all calls for unity and cooperation. Even though we will all be of the same mind...we must operate alone. And anonymously. Until the point that the NWO is on the run...only then can we unite to sweep the NWO forces into the sea. And we will if we follow the blueprint I have outlined. God Bless. Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior.

--Jack Johnson

Note: This "blueprint," as Mr. Johnson calls it, is already in place in some states. We know of some states -- states that you hear absolutely nothing about in the news or from Morris Dees -- that have a strong militia network.

### The Rules of Bureaucracy

1. Preserve thyself.
2. It is easier to fix the blame than to fix the problem.
3. A penny saved is an oversight.
4. Information deteriorates upward.
5. The first 90% of the task takes 90% of the time; the last 10% takes the other 90%.
6. Experience is what you get just after you need it.

7. For any given large, complex, hard-to-understand, expensive problem, there exists at least one short, simple, easy, cheap wrong answer.

8. Anything that can be changed will be, until time runs out.

9. To err is human; to shrug is civil service.

10. There's never enough time to do it right, but there's always enough time to do it over.

-- From *Comedy on Tap*

### JUDAS ISCARIOT REVISITED

After betraying Jesus with a kiss, Judas Iscariot did the honorable thing -- he hanged himself. However, Robert Rodriguez, the BATF agent who betrayed the Branch Davidians didn't quite go that far. *"I put the gun to my forehead, in my mouth, and I just wanted to so bad, but I couldn't,"* Rodriguez told KATE-TV in an interview. *"It put a lot of guilt on me. I felt responsible for a very long time for the murder, for the deaths, of these agents."* Humm? No mention of all those who were murdered in the fire, guess they don't count.

Rodriguez, who tried to call off the raid when the Davidians discovered that the ATF was coming, claimed that he's received much of the blame for what happened at Waco.

The Justice Department claims they only received 48 of the 49-page report Rodriguez turned in. Said Rodriguez, *"It was the last page of the report. Sometimes the staple doesn't go all the way through and a page gets lost. I'm sure that's what happened here"* Oh, the old "...the staple didn't go all the way through" excuse. We think the "...dog ate my homework" excuse is better.

However, page 49 did mention the use of military tear gas rounds being used, something the FBI has denied.

In a related story by the Associated Press, "The federal prosecutor who raised questions about a possible Justice Department cover-up in the Waco standoff was abruptly removed from the case along with his boss, according to a court filing made public. Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder recused U.S. Attorney James W. Blagg in San Antonio and assistant U.S. Attorney Bill Johnston in Waco from any further dealings in criminal or civil proceedings related to the siege. Holder appointed the U.S. attorney in a neighboring district as a 'special attorney to the U.S. attorney general.' .... Johnston wrote Reno warning that aides within her own department were misleading her about federal agents' roles. The recusal notice provides no explanation for Holder's action."

The explanation was provided -- it was on page 49 -- but the staple didn't...oh never mind.

### JUSTICE MARSHALL QUOTE

In 1803 Chief Justice of the Supreme Court John Marshall stated: *"The Constitution is either a superior, paramount law, unchangeable by ordinary means, or it is on a level with ordinary legislative acts and, like other acts, is alterable when the legislature shall please to alter it. If the former part of the alternative be true, then a legislative act contrary to the Constitution is not law; if the latter part be true, then written constitutions are absurd attempts, on the part of the people, to limit a power in its own nature illimitable."*

### Yet Another Clinton Whopper

At a recent private fund-raising dinner, Mr. Clinton revealed to guests that he used to be a card-carrying member of the National Rifle Association he now decries.

We've gotten hold of a transcript from the Democrat National Committee fund-raiser, held at a private residence in Atlanta on October 29, in which Mr. Clinton stated: *"Now, you know, I once had a lifetime membership in the NRA. I've even got my jacket there."*

Wayne R. LaPierre Jr., executive vice president of the NRA, was shaking his head. *"I can't believe it. You know, if he's that delusional maybe he did inhale."* Do you mean to say Mr. Clinton was telling another tall tale? *"He never had a lifetime membership, he never had a jacket. He made it up,"* Mr. LaPierre said. The NRA, he stressed, keeps excellent records of its membership roster, present and past. -- John McCaslin's *Inside the Beltway*, November 11, 1999

### DOCTORS v. GUNS

Here's an update to our previous story on how many people die in the U.S. each year from medical mistakes.

On November 30, 1999 The Institute of Medicine reported that the number of deaths from medical mistakes every year may total 98,000 -- that makes doctors the fifth leading cause of death in America. That's triple the number that die each year from firearms in all forms, homicide, suicide, and accidents. Should we be thankful there aren't as many doctors in America as there are guns?

### BILL'S SONG

*Based on The Ballad of Jed Clampett To the tune of The Beverly Hillbillies*  
Come'n listen to my story 'bout a man named Bill.

A crooked politician with his hand in the till.

And then one day, he got married to a lez,

Who nagged him into running for the office of prez.



White House that is, Oval Office, Commander-in-Chief.

Well, the first thing you know, old Bill got elected,

54% of voters said, "Bill, we'd hoped you get rejected!"

Said, "Washington's the place you ought not to be."

Spitefully, he loaded up the limo and moved to D.C.

Nation's capitol that is, big moneyed lobbyists, female interns.

Well, now it's time to say good-bye to Bill and all his sin.

The world would like to thank you folks for kindly impeaching him.

You're all invited back again to the prison locality,

To have a heapin' helpin' of his criminality.

Perjury that is. Visiting hours...set a spell, take your shoes off, don't drop your soap in the shower!

Y'all come back now, hear?

--By King Opps

## GUN DEALER FINED

(Incremental Slavery)

GARY, Ind. (AP) - A gun dealer has agreed to stop selling handguns and pay this violence-plagued city \$10,000 to get itself dropped from Gary's lawsuit accusing the gun industry of putting weapons into criminals' hands.

The settlement is believed to be the first in which a defendant in one of a series of lawsuits brought against the gun industry around the country has agreed to pay money.

Mayor Scott King said Fetta's Trading Co. of Valparaiso will stop selling handguns once its current inventory is depleted.

Fetta's was among 21 gun manufacturers and distributors, five local dealers and three trade associations the city sued in August.

## New Drug Law In Pennsylvania

If the Pennsylvania State House enacts House Bill 478, "Drug Dealer Liability Act," drug dealers will be facing civil lawsuits (just like firearms manufacturers.)

If the bill becomes law, "...civil liability on persons participating in the illegal drug market" and "procedure for bringing private action to recover damages," will be the law in Pennsylvania.

You can be sure of one thing: knowing the big bucks drug dealers have there won't be a shortage of lawyers involved in this one.

In the article "Sue Your Drug Dealer" Ralph Reiland wrote, "Who can sue? First, a parent, legal guardian, child, spouse or sibling of the individual drug user; Second, an

individual who was exposed to an illegal drug in utero; Third, an employer of the individual drug user; Fourth, a medical facility, insurer, government entity, employer or any other entity that funds a drug treatment program or that otherwise expends money on behalf of the individual drug user that is not repaid."

Unfortunately, many drug kingpins will no doubt escape any legal entanglements, it'll snare mostly teenagers at the street level who don't have any money except what they made from sales the day they were arrested.

No one will argue that drug abuse is a serious problem in America today. However, no drug law passed to date has had any real effect on the problem. This bill would prove no more effective than all the others laws passed before it -- the profits are too great. However, politicians have that "...resistible urge to legislate." And legislate...and legislate...and legislate. It makes them feel good. Besides drug offenders are needed to man the prison industry system. They are paid a few cents an hour, make money for the state, put private companies out of business and thereby generate more welfare clients for the state to "help".

## WANT A GARAND?

The government still issues M1 Garand rifles to those who qualify. If interested, contact:

Civilian Marksmanship Program

ATTN: M1 Sales

P.O. Box 576

Port Clinton, Ohio 43452

Telephone (888) 267-0796

E-mail: [applications@odcmp.com](mailto:applications@odcmp.com)

## CHEAPER THAN DIRT STORY

Many in the patriot and militia community are acquainted with the retailer Cheaper Than Dirt. They have good prices on ammo and other related goods. Rumor has it that local fire marshals entered their Ft. Worth facility and announced that they could no longer keep more than 100,000 rounds of ammo in their warehouse at any one time. Problem is Cheaper Than Dirt sells twice that much ammo per-day.

You can check out their prices at: [www.cheaperthandirt.com](http://www.cheaperthandirt.com)

## PHONE CALLS FROM HELL

Telemarketing phone calls -- the curse of late 20th century America. However, there is hope and here are a few tips to lessen the misery.

When you receive a telemarketing phone call wait until the caller identifies himself and his company. Then say "Please add my name to your do not call list," and hang up. Federal

law requires all telemarketing companies to remove your number from their computers if you request it.

Another step toward privacy is to write: Telephone Preference Service Direct Marketing Association P. O. Box 9014, Farmingdale, NY 11735-9014

State that you do not want telemarketing calls and request that your phone number be removed from their list. Include address and phone number in your letter. Your name will remain on their removal list for five years.

If you want less junk mail write to:

Mail Preference Service Direct Marketing Association P.O. Box 9008, Farmingdale, NY 11735-9008

State: "Please register my name with the mail preference."

Another tip is to save all your junk mail for one month. Write "addressee deceased" on the envelope and return the mail to the post office.

## GUN PURCHASES SOAR IN CALIFORNIA

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - With a new gun-control law taking effect January 1, 2000, state officials say there has been a boom in firearms sales across the state in the past few weeks.

"Everybody is trying to get it while they can," said Pat Glaze, owner of the Cordova Shooting Center in Rancho Cordova. "My sales are probably triple the normal level for this time of year. It's mostly the guns they call assault rifles, although we don't like to call them that."

Licensed firearms dealers reported selling at least 91,089 handguns, rifles and shotguns between Nov. 1 and Dec. 14, the state Department of Justice said. That's an average of 2,070 a day, 86 per hour or 1.4 every minute. At least 52,021 were sold during the same period last year.

## TRAFICANT SPEAKS

Mr. Speaker, a Minnesota factory worker said, enough is enough. His cabin was ripped off three times. His neighbors' cabins continue to be ripped off. The police said they could do nothing. So Lenny Miller booby-trapped his cabin and busted the burglar red-handed. And guess what? Some bust.

Lenny Miller is going to jail with a \$12,000 fine. And the burglar is getting free health care. Beam me up.

Something is wrong, Mr. Speaker, when Americans cannot protect their own property and when criminals have more rights than law-abiding citizens.

There is one bright side. I yield back the fact that in Wisconsin there will not be many



cabins ripped off this year thanks to Lenny Miller.  
- Rep. James Traficant (D-Ohio)

### Should gun shows be banned?

Yes (1291) 32%

No (2793) 68%

4084 Total Votes

--About.com Poll

### ONLY IN AMERICA

\*Police in Wichita, Kansas, arrested a 22-year old man at an airport hotel after he tried to pay with two \$16 bills.

\*The Chico, California, City Council enacted a ban on nuclear weapons, setting a \$500 fine for anyone detonating one within city limits.

\*A bus carrying five passengers was hit by a car in St. Louis. By the time police arrived on the scene, fourteen pedestrians had boarded the bus and had begun to complain of whiplash injuries and back pain.

\*A convict broke out of jail in Washington, D.C. A few days later he went with his girlfriend to her trial for robbery. At lunch he went out for a sandwich. His girlfriend needed him, so she had him paged by the bailiff. Police officers recognized his name and arrested him when he returned to the courthouse in a car he had stolen over the lunch hour.

\*When two service station employees in Ionia, Michigan, refused to hand over cash to an intoxicated robber, the man threatened to call the police. They still refused, so the robber called the police and was arrested.

### The Real Reason Behind Gun Control

by Benedict D. LaRosa

With public attention riveted on the murder/conspiracy trial of the Branch Davidians, little attention has been paid to the Treasury Department's investigation of the conduct of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (BATF). Most of the media quickly saw through the veneer of objectivity and rightly ignored the report released last September. However, as with most government documents, there is some truth hidden among the chaff. Appendix G of the report is a brief history of federal firearms enforcement. It is startling in its candor in revealing the real reason behind the gun control movement in this country.

Gun control is being sold to the American people as a crime fighting measure. (There are also attempts to make it an environmental and health issue.) Sarah Brady has publicly admitted that the Brady Bill will have little effect on crime. But, she added, it was a necessary first step. President Clinton warned, *"This is the first step. There is more to be done. We cannot stop here."* To what are Sarah Brady and President Clinton referring? Appendix G provides the answer.

The report admits that the BATF raided the Branch Davidian community at Mt. Carmel to enforce contemporary gun control laws. It adds:

"In a larger sense, however, the raid fit [sic] within an historic, well-established and well-defended government interest in prohibiting and breaking up all organized groups that sought to arm or fortify themselves... From its earliest formation, the federal government has actively suppressed any effort by disgruntled or rebellious citizens to coalesce into an armed group, however small the group, petty its complaint, or grandiose its ambition."

Appendix G relates how the experience of Shay's Rebellion (1786-87), the Whiskey Rebellion (1794), Fries Rebellion (1799), the fugitive slave rescues of the 1850s, John Brown's raid on the Harper's Ferry federal arsenal (1859), the Civil War, Southern resistance to Reconstruction, the Pullman Strike (1894), etc., created an intolerance to organized, armed groups on the part of the federal government. [NJM: Here the ATF, in justifying its "intolerance", has misread the law and American history. Shay's Rebellion occurred prior to the creation of the "intolerant" federal government, and was put down by the militia. The law (the Constitution) went into effect the following year (1788). It declares that "The Congress shall have Power to...provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions." (Art. 1, Sec. 8, Cl. 15) There is absolutely no role for federal police in putting down rebellion. In fact the Constitution does not authorize federal police beyond three federal crimes: counterfeiting, piracy and treason. Naturally the federal government, like King George, doesn't like "organized, armed groups." After all, in the militia's case, they are obstacles in the path of despotism.] This paranoia led Congress to pass the National Firearms Act of 1934, not "to curb the gangsters' ability to arm themselves" with automatic weapons and sawed-off shotguns as advertised, but "to discourage ownership of such weapons without outlawing them." It admits, "No self-respecting gangster would want to register, much less pay the tax, on his Tommy gun." It goes on to say:

"The passage of the National Firearms Act of 1934, the first federal effort to control ownership of firearms, grew out of this historic fear of armed organizations...In recent times, the federal government has shown itself even less patient with armed groups.... As both history and recent events clearly show, the United States has never tolerated armed groups residing within its borders. The intent of the particular organization, whether ideological or criminal, mattered little.... ATF's enforcement focus retains the flavor of that historic concern with armed organizations." [NJM: at Waco the ATF's flavor was barbeque, and boy, did they enjoy it!]

The Branch Davidians were not criminals and cults are not illegal. It was not criminal activity that brought the Branch Davidians to the attention of the federal government, but the fact that they were an organized, armed group dissatisfied with the status quo. Government agents created the impression of illegality to justify their suppression of the Davidians and to dissuade similar dissenters. This is why Attorney General Janet Reno warned that *"More Waco-like standoffs will occur in the near future. I hope an example has been set... to discourage those who are tempted to join cults."* The Brady Bill and the even more draconian gun control measures in the upcoming crime bill are but the latest steps dating back to colonial times to disarm the American people, not criminals, in defiance of the Second Amendment.

### TOUGH GUN LAWS FAIL IN BRITAIN...BIG TIME

By Dr. Michael S. Brown

Advocates of gun control point to Great Britain as an example of a gun free society where violence and crime are rare. Well, there may be trouble in paradise.

With the passage of the Firearms Act of 1997, self-defense with a firearm became impossible for ordinary people. Law-abiding Britons dutifully surrendered their guns, but crime didn't drop. In fact Britain is being swept by a wave of crime, including plenty of gun crimes.

*The London Times* of January 16 sums up the situation with the headline "Killings Rise As 3 Million Illegal Guns Flood Britain." Armed crime rose 10% in 1998 and the numbers for 1999 may be even higher.

British gun prohibition has resulted in the same outcome as other forms of prohibition. Since guns are banned, every criminal wants one and it is very profitable to smuggle them in.

According to a police spokesman, weapons from Eastern Europe, some still new in their boxes, are turning up during investigations. Criminals now have unprecedented access to high quality guns at affordable prices.

*The Manchester Guardian* of January 14 laments that their city is being called "Gunchester". Police sources were quoted as saying that guns had become *"almost a fashion accessory"* among young criminals. Some gangs are armed with fully automatic weapons and the generally unarmed British police say that they risk confronting teenagers on mountain bikes brandishing machine guns.

*The Sunday Express* reported June 20, 1999: "In recent months there have been a frightening number of shootings in Britain's major cities, despite new laws banning gun ownership after the Dunblane tragedy. Our investigation established that guns are available through means open to any criminally minded individual."



The government is expected to respond by regulations controlling knives and airguns. Perhaps motor vehicles need to be more heavily regulated as well. According to a commercial security report, *New Wave in Retail Crime*, British bandits are using vehicles to smash storefronts in a type of crime called "ramraiding", which would be impractical if shopkeepers had the option of arming themselves. The report states that, "Many retailers have actually gone out of business because of the repeated attacks on their premises."

The rise in crime correlates well with the gradual tightening of gun control over the last several decades, as documented in a scholarly 1999 report by Olsen and Kopel, "All the Way Down the Slippery Slope - Gun Prohibition in England."

The view of Britain as a low crime society has also been challenged by the 1998 study "Crime and Justice in the United States and in England and Wales," available from the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics. This report concludes that British crime rates in the period 1981 to 1996 were actually higher than in the United States due to differences in the way crimes are reported.

The negative result of gun control should not surprise us. American cities have had similar results. Recent reports from Australia tell the same story.

It is no coincidence that crime goes up after a government enacts new gun restrictions. Whenever people give up their right to self-defense in return for a promise of government protection, the results have been negative.

Unfortunately, the downward progression of gun control goes only one way. British subjects will never regain the right to armed self-defense.

Proponents of gun control in America have a lot of explaining to do. Unfortunately, with the aid of their media allies, this information will probably be ignored completely or brushed off with a few carefully chosen sound bites.

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## Letters to the Editor

NJM,

Recently found the enclosed article, "Your History in Your Pocket," in the June, '99 issue of *Popular Mechanics* and though I'd pass it on to you.

"The state of New Jersey is planning an ambitious program to place information about a person's contact with law enforcement and government agencies on a computer chip built into his driver's license.

[Illustration of the license adorned with the picture of Dick Kamin, Director of Motor Vehicles. Kamin is a federal "errand boy" and rabid defender of the state's failed \$400 million "enhanced automobile emissions" system mandated by the federal EPA.]

"In addition to storing a digital image of the driver, it would summarize the person's history of run-ins with law enforcement, including arrests, convictions and traffic violations. It would also list scheduled court appearances. The state official who designed the license told PM the software allows it to be linked to bank accounts. This would enable the holder to automatically pay for bus tickets or road bills." - End of article

Here at Indiana Reformatory our new prison ID cards are similar; they have a bar code on the front & a magnetic strip on the back -- they will accompany us from prison to prison and can store unbelievable amounts of information. (Wish I knew how to put kiss my ass in there for the next one who checks it! : ))

Always enjoy your newsletter and find it informative. As always, for freedom and how things were meant to be.

Name withheld

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To the Editor

I think the *NJM Newsletter* of Jan., 2000 had some interesting topics from Trenton and Maryland.

Trenton Municipal court judge Audrey Blackburn is shielded from accountability by "judicial immunity." Is there such a thing as "legislative immunity?" How about "executive immunity?" So custodial agents to the PEOPLE have immunity when they willfully deny sovereign citizen their civil rights?

I'll give NJM Newsletter readers some insight. All public custodial agents have sworn an oath to faithfully uphold the Constitution of the United States. The Constitution does not give any privileged authority to our agents to claim the artificial privilege of immunity. If unalienable rights can be superseded by judicial immunity, or any other type of immunity, then the rights aren't unalienable!

There is no immunity from unconstitutional actions, judicial or otherwise.

Also, don't tell the folks in Maryland where the word "sports" comes from. You see, sporting events were usually connected with military training. In fact the Olympic games were contrived as pseudo-military events in honor of the god Zeus. A religious event to honor the gods, by showing how well you can kill someone else. If the progressive liberals ever found out about this the games would be considered politically incorrect. Sports were developed to help men fight wars. So if you live in Maryland and like guns you are "a sporting enthusiast."

D.S.

Massachusetts

**Ed.:** The Maryland Establishment has already targeted "sportsmen" for disarmament.

Incidentally the Romans used sporting events (circuses) differently than the Greeks, the purpose being to amuse and thereby control the populace. Today our would-be controllers offer us, depending on the season, golf, tennis, car racing, hockey, skiing, football, basketball, baseball. If people are at the stadium or watching televised sports they are less likely to question the way things are, let alone act to correct them.

***In the beginning of change the patriot is a scarce man, brave, hated and scorned. When his cause succeeds, however, the timid join him, for then it costs nothing to be a patriot. - Mark Twain***

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